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HITS BUSINESS

Aldermen Put High Licenses on All Lines of Industry, Except Grafting Loop Theaters With Unlimited Drag

Houses Which Clear \$18,000 Weekly Placed on the Same Basis With Low Priced

Movie Houses

With downtown theaters that are making profits of \$18,000 a week out of the public only paying the same license fees as movie houses that charge moderate prices, the city council has started out to make up the deficit from other lines of business.

New license ordinances past and pending will bring \$500,000 into the city treasury next year, but that is only a drop in the bucket compared to the loss of \$7,000,000 in saloon license revenues.

"We can raise \$3,000,000 in license fees and inspection charges if the council passes the necessary ordinances," said one of the aldermen.

As a beginning the aldermen directed the judiciary committee to prepare ordinances "defining, regulating, and licensing" the following:

Automobile agencies.
Billboard agencies.
Osteopaths.
Opticians.
Importers.
Glass manufacturers.
Brick yards.
Employment agencies.
Wholesale bakers.
Photographers.
Sewing machines.
Paint and varnish manufacturers.
Tea and coffee dealers.
Foundries.
Canning factories.
Sausage factories.
Shoe manufacturers, and wholesale dealers.
Physicians, dentists and chiropractors.
Refiners of gold, silver and platinum.
Railroad and steamship ticket agencies.
Nurses.
Glue and paste manufacturers.
Flour manufacturers and dealers.
Express companies.
Chemists.
Architects.
Water cooler services.
Wagon manufacturers.
Towel supply companies.
Tailors.
Sporting goods manufacturers.
Coffin dealers.
Oil and glycerine manufacturers.
Wholesale poultry and fish dealers.
Jewelers.
Carpet and rug cleaners.
Candy manufacturers.
Excavators.
Bath houses.
Automobile accessories.
Manufacturers of tar products.
Veterinarians.
Warehouses.
Storage battery manufacturers.
Commission merchants.
Wholesale fruit and vegetable dealers.

Feed stores.
Retail and wholesale confectioners.
Private banks.
Photo engravers.
Vending machines.
Wholesale tobacco dealers.
Teaming and motor trucking.
Manufacturers of butterine and oleomargarine.

Wholesale meat dealers.
Corporation Counsel Ettelson was asked for an opinion on the legality of the scheme.

Ordinances were passed enlarging the definition of second hand dealers to take in many new businesses and requiring real estate brokers to take out licenses for each of their places of business if they have more than one.

Other licenses were increased as follows:
Soap manufacturers, from \$150 to

from \$300 to \$1,000, depending on the size of the plant.

Tanneries from \$50 to from \$100 to \$300, depending on the number of employees.

Detective agencies, unlicensed before, new fee \$250. Individual detectives, unlicensed before, new fee \$50.

On motion of Ald. Armitage the council directed the commissioner of public service to petition the public utilities commission that "L" fares be reduced to 6 cents on the ground that the 8-cent "L" fare is diverting traffic to the surface lines and causing overcrowding.

Mayor Thompson appointed Ald. Madderom, Scott, Hogan, Bowler, Moran, Crowe, Kostner, Burns, Dorney, Mulcahy and McDonough as a committee to seek the Democratic national convention for Chicago.

SUPPORT ASKED FOR BUSBY

Support of the present administration of the Chicago surface lines at the annual election in February when the fate of President Leonard A. Busby will be decided was sought in a circular sent out to the holders of the preferred and common participation shares of the Chicago city and connecting railways collateral trust. The circular is an appeal for them to turn their proxies over to a committee composed of James B. Forgan, John J. Mitchell, and Harrison B. Riley. It is signed by the three men named and by Busby, Samuel M. Felton, Samuel Insull, John A. Spoor, B. E. Sunny, and Frank C. Wetmore, all of whom are considered friendly to Busby and opposed to the effort being made by the Blair interests to remove him.

The circular itself defends the Busby administration.

TO ZONE CHICAGO

Eleven city officials, including Charles H. Wacker, chairman of the Chicago Plan Commission, and eight laymen will zone Chicago into residential and industrial districts, if the city council approves the recommendation of the buildings and city hall committee.

The committee attempted to compromise with the real estate boards and kindred organizations who asked that the majority of the commission be laymen.

If recommendations are followed Michael J. Faherty, president of the board of local improvements, and Health Commissioner Robertson will not be on the commission.

The members will be Building Commissioner Bostrum, Corporation Counsel Ettelson, Ald. J. O. Kostner, Ald. Albert J. Fisher, Charles H. Wacker, and six aldermen and eight laymen to be appointed by the mayor.

ALDERMEN PUT HIGH PRICE LOOP THEATERS IN SAME CLASS WITH LOW PRICE MOVIES

The city council should explain its action in putting the movie theaters in the same class with the loop "speaking" theaters.

The movies charge from 5 cents to 50 cents.

The loop "Speakers" charge from \$3.50 to \$12.00, according to impulse.

The movies are a necessity and furnish pleasure and instruction for families.

The loop theaters are a luxury, and

PRESS CLUB GIFT FROM W. J. DAVIS

Photographs and paintings of stage persons which the late Will J. Davis collected during his career as a theater manager have been turned over to the Press Club of Chicago by Mrs. Davis, the widow, in accordance with the wish expressed by Mr. Davis several times before his death. There are several hundred pictures in the collection, most of them autographed. One of Adeline Patti is dated 1870—just half a century ago. The collection is being catalogued and will be a feature of the fourth annual entertainment of the Press Club, given to the Follies Company in February.

STELK'S REPORT AR-RAIGNS WILD AUTOISTS

Approximately 1,000 persons have been killed by reckless drivers of automobiles and motor trucks and by motorcycles in Chicago and Cook county in the last three years, according to a special report presented by Judge John Stelk to Chief Justice Olson of the Municipal Court. In that period no one has been imprisoned for manslaughter on this charge.

The report, which also outlines the work to be done by the Chicago Motor Safety League, organized by Judge

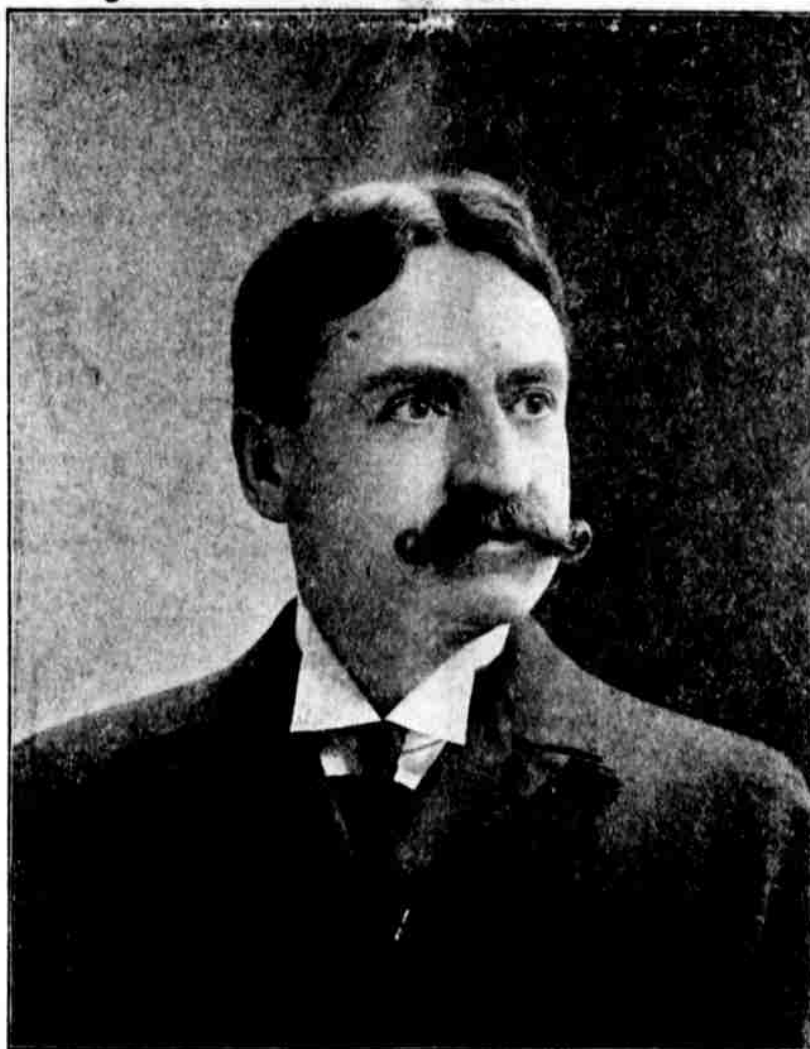
add to the high cost of living.

Pass fed aldermen do not look at the matter in this light.

Movies have no influence with the loop hounds.

So they have to suffer while the big price houses escape.

The new license fee schedule for theaters, including the movies, is



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graded both on seating capacity and admission charge, as follows:

Maximum seating capacity	Maximum price of admission	Maximum price of admission	Maximum price of admission	Maximum price of admission
250	\$200	\$250	\$300	\$1,000
500	250	350	400	1,000
1,000	300	450	500	1,200
1,500	350	500	750	1,250
1,750	400	550	800	1,300
2,100	500	650	900	1,350
2,300	600	750	950	1,400
2,500	700	800	950	1,450
2,500*	800	850	1,200	1,500

*Over.

Ald. Cullerton tried hard to postpone action on the theater license schedule, but was defeated by votes of 32 to 16 and 31 to 14.

The City Council wants to find out the high cost of living. Profiteers may find out also before the Aldermen get through with them.

Stelk, with headquarters at 82 West Washington street, raps special privilege seekers who sought to stultify the Automobile Court during Judge Stelk's incumbency in 1919, and does not mince language in dealing with employees of the city law and other departments and politicians generally for their alleged interference with justice.

Among the objects of the Motor Safety League is to procure legislation, in part, as follows:

Imprisonment and loss of license on conviction of "repeaters."

Imprisonment for intoxicated drivers.

Imprisonment for drivers who maim and run away.

Keeping streets clear of pedestrians between city blocks.

That drivers halt their cars on signal by one or more pedestrians at street intersections.

THOMPSON'S SAIDS

City Government Makes an Excellent Showing in the Municipal Year Just Passed Out

Reports from Every Department Show Duties Well Performed in the Interest of the General Public

The record of municipal achievement, according to the reports, is as follows:

Police—From Jan. 1 to Dec. 15, 1919, 843 criminal complaints were made, "considerably fewer than in 1918," the year selected for comparison because of the war conditions during 1917 and 1918. The automobile squad recov-

pils were enrolled in 1919; 12,471 in the elementary schools and 6,975 in the high schools. The board is paying close attention to the work of Americanization, having as its object the creation of the "America First American." Continuation schools, because of the passage of the continuation school law by the legislature, will be established this year for the use of about 50,000 minors who are employed. The outlook for this is bright, as "partisan interference" is at an end, the report of President Davis says.

Health—The death rate for the year was 12.76 a thousand population, which is the lowest in the history of the city, according to Health Commissioner Robertson's report. The establishment of the training school for home and public nurses has resulted in 2,100 women taking the course.

Controller—Prohibition cost the city \$7,000,000 in saloon license revenues and in general the financial outlook for 1920 is gloomy, according to Controller Harding. However, the city managed to pay all bonds due from sinking funds, and the disposal of \$9,500,000 worth of judgment funding bonds at their face value in payment of judgments, instead of selling them on the market, saved the city \$292,500, Mr. Harding says.

Buildings—Commissioner Bostrum reports the issuance of 6,523 building permits for structures to cost \$102,906,150. In spite of the building strike the year ranks third in building activities in the city's history.

Engineering—One hundred and seventy million gallons daily was added to the city's water supply, the report of Engineer P. S. Coombs says. Plans for an improved water system, with a capacity of 2,400,000,000 gallons daily, enough for a city of 10,000,000 persons, have been laid. The new system would cost \$65,000,000.

Gas and Electricity—New street lamps numbering 4,105 were added to the lighting system. At the close of 1918 the number of lamps was 45,629; now it is 49,839, Commissioner Keith reports.

Board of Local Improvements—The Michigan avenue boulevard link will be completed by June 1, according to President Faherty, and the ground-work has been laid for the Chicago plan commission's program of west side street improvements, involving an outlay of \$57,400,000. In 1919 fifty-three miles of streets were paved and 130 miles of new sidewalks laid at a cost of \$1,167,000.

Bureau of Streets—Last year 3,455,000 square yards of streets were cleaned with horse-drawn flushers and \$2,280,300 square yards with motor driven flushers. Superintendent of Streets Byrne recommends that all flushers be motorized.

Water Office—Gross collections of \$7,850,000 were made for use of city water, an increase of \$352,000, or 4.6 per cent over the previous year.

Forestry—Ten thousand trees were trimmed and 30,000 shrubs and trees planted in parks and playgrounds.

Playgrounds—Four new playgrounds were added—the Cooper, Whittier, Rezin Orr, and William Hale Thompson playgrounds. At the seventy-two playgrounds more than 15,000,000 children played.

Bridges—Two new bridges—the Monroe street and Lawrence avenue spans—were added. Strikes prevented the amount of work on new bridges to reach expectations.

Sanitary Bureau—Conducted campaigns against smoke and cold flats. Partly as a result of the anti-smoke campaign, deaths from tuberculosis dropped from 3,487 in 1918 to 3,035 last year, according to Dr. E. Vernon Hill, head of the bureau.

Sewers—The bureau cleaned 6,110,200 feet of sewers at a cost of \$40,419.

Waste Disposal—The municipal reduction plant reduced 83,000 tons of garbage, producing 3,153,020 pounds of garbage grease, which was sold for \$192,218.

Oil Inspector—Inspector Hugh Nor-

ris' force passed on 1,612,151 barrels of oil, gasoline and naphtha.

Municipal Pier—Approximately 4,000,000 persons visited the pier, according to Supt. Hugo Krause's report. Receipts were \$186,607.

NEW LICENSE ON BALL PARKS, ICE CREAM PARLORS, ETC.

The City Council on Monday made the license fee for parks with more than 20,000 seats \$3,000 a year, for those with between 15,000 and 20,000 seats, \$1,500, and for those with between 10,000 and 15,000 seats \$1,000.

The 301 baseball park and Stagg field at the University of Chicago will be the only two fields which will pay the \$3,000 annually. Ald. Steffen tried to save the latter by an amendment which would exempt temporary seats in the city collector's calculations, but the amendment failed. The Cub park, under the plan, will pay \$1,500. The fee for the two big league ball parks was formerly \$1,000 and for Stagg field \$750.

Other license fees boosted at Monday's council meeting in the council's drive for more revenue were:

Ice Cream Parlors—Less than ten seats, \$15; 10 to 20 seats, \$30; more than 20 seats, \$30, with an additional charge of \$1.50 for each extra seat, with \$500 as a maximum fee.

Livery Stables—Increased from \$25 to \$100 a year.

Shooting Galleries—Increased from \$25 to \$50 a year.

Sales Stables—Increased from \$25 to \$100.

Lumber Yards—Increased from \$100 to \$150, with a charge of \$1 for each employee.

Stock Tickers—From \$1 to \$5 a year.

ELLER DE CLARES WAR ON LOWDEN

Morris Eller, city sealer in Mayor Thompson's cabinet, is out with a statement that he expects to be a delegate to the Republican national convention from the Fifth congressional district, and if so he will not support Gov. Lowden for the presidency.

STUCKART'S GOOD SHOWING

Interest on Chicago's bank account amounted to \$257,000, and interest earnings on investments in various securities netted the city \$1,160,000 in 1918. City Treasurer Henry Stuckart announced. The receipts for the year were \$154,780,395.40, and the disbursements \$148,553,442.46, the report says.

RAISE POSTAGE

And Give Overworked Post Office Employees Better Wages.

When "outside" letter postage was 3 cents a letter a surplus revenue of \$154,000,000 was raised in one year. It was dropped to 2 cents to please the fancy of some bureaucrats.

Put it back to 3 cents and give letter carriers and other employees living wages. They deserve better pay.

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